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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith references which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been conducted, nor shall it be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(b).

The references are listed in PTO form 1449 which is in accordance with the requirements of M.P.E.P. 609. Reference A1 is in the Japanese language. A copy of an English language abstract is attached to the reference.

Applicants believe that their invention as claimed is patentable over the references. It is respectfully requested that these references be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of the above-identified application and be made of record therein. The Examiner is also invited to contact the Undersigned if there are any questions concerning this paper or the attached references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) of \$180.00 to ZymoGenetics, Inc. Deposit Account No. 26-0290. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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